

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

STEPHEN MURTEN

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For: ADJUSTABLE SAFETY CABLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To the Director of Patents and Trademarks

Sir:

Before considering this application, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Abstract:

Kindly enter and approve the abstract attached hereto.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 19 and 20 as follows:

3. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said substantial vertical supports comprise an upper and a lower tube.

4. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said upper tubes of substantially vertical supports are equipped with an internal and an external strengthening component.

6. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the diameter of said lower tube is different from the diameter of

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